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DEVICE AND METHOD FOR TRANSPORTING A WELDING ROD

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Commissioner:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 25, 2006 and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed February 20, 2007, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Examiner the reference SU 837661 listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto. This reference was cited in paragraph [0001] of European Patent No. 1 708 843 B1 granted on the corresponding European Application.

SU 837661 relates to a wire feed device and a method according to the preambles of the independent claims and was cited by the Examiner in the corresponding European Application as showing the state of the art.

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It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

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